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Post Shorts

New way to dial on-post numbers

Beginning

Oct. 23 dialing on-post numbers will change. Instead of dialing the prefixes 3, 4, 5 or 6 plus the 4-digit extension, APG employees will need to dial the 3-digit prefix plus the 4-digit extension. This is the second part of a dialing plan introduced to the installation in May when the DSN prefix changed from 8 to 9-4 and the commercial prefix changed from 9 to 9-9. APG employees are asked to change publications and Web pages to reflect the new 7-digit number. Also, change any pre-programmed speed dial numbers to the 7-digit number. For more information call Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Department of the Army theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month is "Imagine an Army free of domestic abuse: Prepare, Prevent and Protect."

This Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., an information booth with staff from the Harford County Sexual Assault and Spouse Resource Center (SARC, Inc.) will be in the Main Post Exchange lobby.

The DVAM activities conclude with a Candlelight Vigil, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 410-278-7478 or e-mail aida.rivera@conus.army.mil.

October is Security Awareness Month

October has been designated Security Awareness Month. Security awareness is designed to raise awareness of security issues, educate and promote best practices among all military service members, their Families and the civilian work force. The threat landscape in national, local and specifically at APG is in a constant state of fluctuation, with new sophisticated threats and concerns emerging. This evolving threat environment forces us all to work closely

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Community Awareness Day teaches fire prevention lessons

Story and photo by

YVONNE JOHNSON

APG News

More than 500 people took in fire prevention lessons, organization displays and entertainment during the 2010 Community Awareness Day activities at the Directorate of Emergency Services building Oct. 9.

The event is held annually in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week. Festvities included displays by Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations, a fire fighting demonstration, the Youth Firefighter Combat Challenge, emergency medical demonstrations, vehicle and equipment displays and music, face painting, a stilt walker and balloon art by Nuthin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment.

In addition, the Maryland National Guard provided a UH-60 Blackhawk and entomologists from the U.S. Army Public Health Command (Provisional) provided an insect display.

The event also kicked off the Domestic Violence Awareness See AWARENESS, page 16



Directorate of Emergency Services firefighters demonstrate the difference between fires in rooms with sprinklers and rooms withouth sprinklers during the 2010 Community Awareness Day activities Oct. 9. Pictured are Capt. George Dorbert, Fire Inspector Ernie Little and Firefighter Paul Wooten.

Aberdeen Proving Ground Transformation

Corps of Engineers completes first phase of massive military construction project

Story by
STEVE ROCHETTE

More than two years ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District undertook the largest construction project in its history – the \$800 million multiphase program to build the C4ISR campus at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Former District Commander Lt. Col. Gwen Baker and APG leaders broke ground on a site that contained abandoned World War II-era barracks and today, the site is completely transformed as the first phase of construction is complete and military and civilian personnel have moved into several buildings on the campus.

The Philadelphia District, Team C4ISR, and the joint venture contractor team of Tomkins-Turner, Grunley, and Kinsley celebrated this milestone with an informal ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 4.

"It's very satisfying to see how far we've come in a relatively short amount of time," said Nate Barcomb, USACE Philadelphia District project manager. "There have been

issues along the way, but we've worked through them with close coordination with the contractor, customer and the project team."

The first phase of construction included approximately \$500 million of work with nine buildings, a courtyard and 1.6 million square feet of office and laboratory space. The second phase of the complex continues to progress as the Philadelphia District and contractors construct three more buildings and renovate an existing facility.

The stakes of the project are particularly high as construction is one result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005; the law ordered the closing of Fort Monmouth, N.J., and the relocation of its vital communications and electronics missions to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"This project is critical to the Army and I'm proud of the work our team has done," said Lt. Col. Philip Secrist, district commander. "The technology that will be developed here is going to save Soldiers' lives in the future."

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Uncasing Ceremony Story by ROBERT E. DIMICHELE CECOM PAO Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander of the U.S. Army Communication Electronic Comm

CECOM transfers

to APG with Flag

Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, commander of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, will host the uncasing of the CECOM flag in a formal ceremony Friday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m., in the courtyard of its campus here.

The flag uncasing ceremony marks the official arrival of CECOM at Aberdeen Proving Ground from Fort Monmouth, N.J. Several hundred military officials, community leaders and employees will attend. Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger is expected to give the keynote remarks.

The event will take place in the center of the \$477 million complex of nine new buildings that will house the Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Center of Excellence. This first phase of the campus provides 1.5 million square feet of workspace for 5,000 personnel.

The ceremony to case the flag which formally signified the transfer of the command from Fort Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Ground was held Sept. 10 in New Jersey. More than 1,400 employees have relocated from Fort Monmouth so far.



General contractor Foulger/Pratt celebrates the "topping off" of the new U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command headquarters by raising the final structural steel beam into place.

ATEC contractor celebrates continued progress

Story and photo by NICOLE CAWTHERN APG TRANSFORMATION OFFICE

With cold weather moving in and the height of the construction season beginning its downward slope, BRAC construction continues to move forward at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

On Friday Oct. 1, general contractor Foulger – Pratt celebrated a major milestone in the construction of the future headquarters of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command with a Topping Out ceremony and a barbeque luncheon complete with raffled prizes. The "topping out" of a building refers to when the final piece

of structural steel is placed on the top of the

facility. Contractors often host small ceremonies inviting those involved with the project to sign this commemorative piece of steel before it is lifted into place. This "topping out" of a building marks a major milestone in the construction of the building. Workers then move on to the installation of the pre-cast wall panels, transforming the project from a skeleton of steel into an actual building.

Foulger – Pratt of Rockville, Md. was awarded the \$49.5 million contract in March 2009 and quickly began work that same spring. The BRAC project located on Aberdeen Boulevard includes 140,000 square feet of office and operational space

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CFC offers incentives to contributors

Photo by RACHEL PONDER The Aberdeen Proving Ground 2010 Combined Federal Campaign is on its way to a goal of \$485,000 in donations. To encourage employees to participate, the campaign offers incentives. Bronze level donors of \$100 to \$999 will receive a blue travel tumbler. Silver donors of \$1,000 to \$1,999 will receive an umbrella. Gold level donors of \$2,000 or more will receive an umbrella and commemorative CFC coin. Federal employees can make donations to the CFC by check, cash, or payroll deduction. The Chesapeake Bay Area CFC Online Pledge System, NEXUS, is active and will be open 24 hours-a-day. 7 days-aweek to every civilian and military donor. Online pledging can be accessed through the APG Web page, www.apg.army.mil/apghome, there is a link next to the CFC Thermometer. For more information, visit the APG CFC office in building 4313, or call 410-278-9913/9915/9916.

Commander's corner



MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE

U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General

This week, I'd like to continue sharing a way of thinking and working that you may find valuable here at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

I call them the 5 P's: People, places, purse, processes and products. The 5 P's are my way of accomplishing the mission while always maintaining focus.

Last week, we talked about people. This week, I want to talk about places. This is how we define places within the Research, Development and Engineering Command: Acquire, establish, and sustain state-of-theart facilities, equipment, and information technology infrastructure that enable leading edge research, development and engineering capabilities. The crux of that message carries over to all organizations on APG.

I meet with people all across this region who are excited about what is happening on the installation. There's a buzz about APG, base realignment, jobs and

We are growing, folks. By this time next year we'll have more than 22,000 people working on the prov-

The last time APG saw this magnitude of change was in 1917 when the Army opened this installation. At the time we were transitioning from the days of horsedrawn artillery. Who could have guessed the amazing changes technology would bring in the decades that followed? But what's happening today is bigger than that. What we're doing is unprecedented. We stand at a pivot point in the history of the installation.



We are building a megabase focused on the future of science and technology for the Army. Look around if you don't believe me. Everywhere you turn you will see one of three things: we're building, we're renovating and we're demolishing.

It means we have almost one billion and a half dollars in new construction going on. We are repairing

and renovating our facilities, government quarters and infrastructure. Moreover, we are tearing down buildings that have long passed their usefulness.

Why do you think we're doing this?

For one, creating a superior quality of life for our Soldiers, Family members and civilian employees is part of our covenant of taking care of people.

But why we focus on places is important for so many other reasons too.

If APG is to be the beacon for technology in this region, we need state-of-the-art facilities for science, medical, testing, chem-bio and research. This means a significant investment in laboratories, prototype facilities, test tracks, ranges, research space and office

Investing in the future is critical if we want to recruit, develop, and retain a diverse, resilient, worldclass workforce.

Finally I'd like to comment on the outstanding partnerships we have with our state, county and local leaders. On Oct. 5, we attended a ground breaking ceremony for upgrades to U.S. 40 and MD-715. This \$42.6 million dollar project will bring much needed improvements to a major traffic artery into and out of the installation. This is a result of close coordination between people who are working together to make APG a great place to live and work.

Think what APG will be like in the next couple of years. I hope you're here to see it. I'm excited about the changes that are coming. I hope you are too!

Next week I will talk with you about another important pillar of the 5 P's: Purse. Army Strong!

Harford Community College opens training facility on APG

ROGER TEEL RDECOM Public Affairs

The Harford Community College Education & Training Center official opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Government and Technology Enterprise (GATE) office park Sept. 28.

"Partnering with universities and community colleges, with elementary, middle schools and high schools in our community is an incredibly important part of what we are about, because that is our future," Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, commanding general, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and senior installation commander, said during his address at the ceremony.

Unveiling the newly-leased 2,325 square-foot training facility marks the HCC commitment to the training needs of Army civilians and contractors who work with garrison-supported organizations.

The first class scheduled for the new classrooms was a program management course Oct. 16, according to officials. The facilities are in building 6245 in the GATE office and technology park near APG's Route 715 gate.

Honored guests at the ribbon cutting were Justice, Dr. Dennis Golladay, president, Harford Community College, and Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG garrison



Photo by CONRAD JOHNSON, RDECOM

Cutting the ribbon to officially open the Harford Community College Education and Training Center on Aberdeen Proving Ground are, from left, Dr. Dennis Golladay, HCC president, Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, senior installation commander, and Col. Orlando Ortiz, APG garrison com-

commander.

About 80 community civic and education leaders attended the ceremony, including Maryland State Senator Barry Glassman, Michael Bennett, mayor of Aberdeen, Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commanding general, RDECOM, and Robert Tomback, Harford County superintendent of schools.

The HCC student jazz ensemble, Sec-

ond Shift, sang a beautifully arranged, a capella rendition of The Star Spangled Banner to open the ceremony.

"I cannot help but feel chills run down my spine when I hear those young people sing that National Anthem," Justice said, his voice cracking with emotion.

He said events are happening quick-

"When they announced this transformation was going to occur, it seems like only yesterday," he said. "But it is a great opportunity to partner with you in the education infrastructure of our community, and help our nation build a strong workforce in this area.'

"We've had nothing but positive feedback about the value of working with our experienced instructors at this convenient, onsite facility," said Marlene Lieb, associate vice president for HCC's Continuing Education and Training. "We're committed to meeting the needs of APG and its supporting organizations with all of the latest technology right here on post."

HCC will provide affordable, flexible training programs for business, industry and government in the new facilities. Instruction is available by contract in the areas of Information Technology, Project Management, Leadership, Healthcare and Technical Certification. For information, contact Pam Karwowski at 443-360-9108.

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ommentary: Fire drills should be taken serious

CHRIS STARLING

DES fire inspector

Now that National Fire Prevention week has passed, you would think that life around the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services fire houses would be getting back to normal and one could surmise that indeed it is; however, back to normal means that the APG Fire Department is emphatically out and about educating the citizens of APG about the seriousness of living every part of every day in a firesafe frame of mind.

Installation fire drills

Expect to have a fire drill at your office in the coming weeks. Expect to be presented with facts regarding workplace fire safety. And, expect to be urged to take the lessons learned during the fire drills home with you.

As a Fire Protection Inspector, I take the charge of providing fire-safe life-

style education very serious. I know that unannounced fire drills while at work can be both welcomed and considered a nuisance. Fire drills, should not simply be taken as an opportunity to casually stroll outside for a break from the work day, and please, do not gripe at our firefighters about how the fire drill is interrupting your valuable work efforts. You should attempt to react as if a real emergency is taking place. Please realize that these drills are designed to ensure that APG buildings provide efficient means of exiting your place of work in the event of a fire. Fire drills also allow you to become familiar with your organization's evacuation Standard Operating Procedures. Furthermore, these drills offer an opportunity to interact with the fire department and to learn what is expected of you during a fire drill or actual fire.

Key things to remember when you hear a fire alarm -

• Ensure that you are familiar with your organization's emergency evacuation plan.

- Never assume that the alarm activation is "just a drill."
- · Treat all alarm activations as true emergencies.
- Immediately proceed to the nearest exit.
- Do not travel away from exits to retrieve personal items. • Close all office and storage area doors
- behind you as long as you are certain that you are the last one leaving the area. • Once outside of the building, trav-
- el to your organization's predetermined meeting place. • Ensure that someone has called the
- APG 911 system to inform emergency personnel that an alarm has activated. • Participate in your organization's
- accountability system. • Remain at your organization's meeting place until cleared by DES

Remembering these tips may save your life. APG is not immune to accidental injury as a result of fire. Moreover, the Federal Emergency Management Agency reports that in 2009, there were 103,500 fires at places of business. These fires resulted in 1,690 injuries and at least 105 fatalities.

Statistics like these from FEMA and our own tragic accidents here at APG show that there is a very real need for workplace safety here at APG. Fire safety should be on everyone's mind all the time. The DES strongly urges you to take any lesson learned during your workplace fire safety experiences home with you. Establish a home meeting place, reduce fire hazards and practice Exit Drills in the Home (E.D.I.T.H.). For more information about home or workplace fire safety, contact the APG fire department at 410-306-0572, or your local fire department.



ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN

Army News Service

In an effort to re-vamp the Army's suicide-prevention program, a new scenario-based video has been created to supplement the growing arsenal of training aides which promote life preservation.

"The Home Front," which has not yet been officially released, will feature six scenarios that focus on difficulties Soldiers face both at war and at home. It is a sequel to last year's "Beyond the Front," and a third video is planned for next year.

Both videos are the product of a behavioral health research partnership between Lincoln University and the Army Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Madeline Swann, the Army's liaison with Lincoln University, said working on the videos has been one of her greatest achievements.

"This has been the most important work that I've done in my career," Swann said. "I can see a direct effect on how I'm helping Soldiers."

Swann explained how she's had Soldiers tell her how "Beyond the Front" educated them on how to help a Soldier in need -- and the training worked.

"If I can save the life of at least one Soldier, then that's my career," she said.

Master Sgt. Marshall Bradshaw, the suicide prevention program manager for the National Guard and only enlisted Soldier involved in developing the videos' scenarios, explained how "The Home Front" also highlights reservecomponent Soldiers.

He said that when brainstorming scenarios for the second video, the National Guard asked for a scenario that represented their population.

"A significant number of our suicides are committed by Soldiers who are in transition," said Bradshaw.

These transitions include moving to a new duty location or coming off of active duty and returning to civilian life. Bradshaw said one scenario in the new video features a Guard Soldier in this transitional phase.

Other scenarios include the viewpoint of a parent of a suicidal child, the viewpoint of a squad leader and the viewpoint of a Department of the Army civilian employee.

"To me, this project is one of the most important we are doing," said Bradshaw. "It allows people to practice what they would be doing in real life."

Bradshaw said that some of the top stressors in Soldiers' lives that may lead to suicide are the breakdown of relationships, troubled finances, loss of jobs and legal issues.

He said that if a serious legal issue risks a Soldier's career, that Soldier may feel like all reason for living is being

"Most Soldiers love being Soldiers ... and when that's threatened, it really threatens their identity," Bradshaw said.

Unlike "Beyond the Front," "The Home Front" will not be a mandatory training aide, simply an addition to commanders' already-established suicideprevention programs.

The new video may also be shown in conjunction with "Shoulder to Shoulder: I will never quit on life," a film released in July featuring candid stories of real Soldiers.

An Army-wide release date has not yet been announced for "The Home Front."

Community Notes

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OCTOBER 22 FULL MOON PONTOON

Enjoy the waters of Otter Point Creek under the light of a peaceful autumn full moon. This program will be held 7 to 8:30 p.m. for 30 lbs. to adult. Ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$6 for each adult and \$4 for each child. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23 TRAILTREK

Enjoy a splendid day hike along the banks of the Susquehanna. Bring snack and water. Registrants will be notified of the meeting location. This free program will be held 9 a.m. to noon for ages 10 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CRITTER DINNERTIME

Come watch the turtles, fish and snakes eat while learning more about these fascinating creatures. This free program will be held at 10:30 a.m. for all ages. No registration required.

For more information or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

NAVAJO WEAVER

With a tree, a stick or two, and grass, weave placemats in the style of Nava-jo Indians. This program will be held noon to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Ages 8 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$4 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 24 TRICK ORTREATTRAIL

Solve puzzles along the Discovery Trail in order to receive treats. Different times for different ages. This program will be held 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

for ages 5 to 7; 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 8 to 11; and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 12 to 16. Cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26 MAGNET SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences Program at North Harford High School will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program. Visit www.hcps.org for applications to each of the magnet programs.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27 EDUCATION EXPO

An Education Expo will be held 4 to 7 p.m., at the Higher Education and Conference Center (HECC) at HEAT, located on 1201 Technology Drive, Aberdeen. Representatives from various schools will be available for program advising and to discuss financial aid options. The College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University School of Education, Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University Zanvyl Kreiger School of Arts & Sciences, Morgan State University, Towson University, University of Maryland College Park, and University of Phoenix will offer courses at HECC. For information, call 443-360-9200 or

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 28 BREAST CANCER AWARENESS LUNCHEON

visit www.heatcentermaryland.com.

RSVP by Oct. 22 for the Women In Defense (WID), Mid-Atlantic Chapter, http://wid.ndia.org/chapters/monmouth/ and Bulle Rock Residents' Club's www.bullerockresorthomes. com 6th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon, Being in the "Breast" of Health, with speaker, author and counselor Surina Ann Jordan, P.h.D., 11:30 a.m. at the Bulle Rock Residents' Club, 1200 Bulle Rock Parkway in Havre de Grace.

Price is \$26 for buffet luncheon pro-

vided by the Laurrapin Restaurat. WID guests and members RSVP with check to WID, Mid-Atlantic Chapter, P.O. Box 223, APG, MD 21010. For more information contact Sue Nappi, 732-986-1264, or suenappi@yahoo.com. Bulle Rock residents and guests RSVP with payment to Kathy Harper, 410-939-8700, or kharper@bullerock.com.

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 29 FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRE GHOSTLY TALES AND TREATS

Come to the Pontoon Pier property for food and seasonal fun around the campfire. This program will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family). Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688. SATURDAY

OCTOBER 30 INVASINATORS

Become a part of the volunteer team of invasive plant removers and native plant restorers. Learn why non-native invasive plants are a threat to the ecosystem, how to identify problem plants, and removal and restoration strategies. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeves, and work gloves for field work in the Reserve each meeting date. Participants receive an Invasinators t-shirt after attending two work days. This program will be held 10 a.m. to noon for ages 14 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

LEAF PEEPING HIKE AND PONTOON BOAT RIDE

Start off on the Discovery Trail to witness the fall colors under the tree canopy. Then take a pontoon boat ride to view the expansive beauty of the fall foliage around Otter Point Creek and the Bush River. This program will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 6 to adult. Ages 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or

410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31 HAUNTED HISTORY GHOST TOUR

Is Havre de Grace Haunted? Take a Haunted History Ghost Tour and find out.

Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc., will conduct a Haunted History and Ghost Tour through the historic downtown district, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The history and murder stories are true stories documented either by newspaper or local historians. And the ghost stories are first-hand accounts told to Main Street from the people who experienced them. Private tours can be arranged for groups of at least 8 or more throughout the year. Tickets cost \$12 per person plus a small service fee for online purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-1811 or visit http://www.mainstreethdg.com/ArtsandEntertainment/HauntedHistoryGhostTours/tabid/104/Default.aspx.

CHESSIETHE CHESAPEAKE BAY SEA SERPENT AND OTHER MYSTERIOUS CREATURES

Learn about the field of cryptozoology, or the study of mysterious creatures, while exploring the legend of Chessie and other famous megafauna. This free program will be held 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

FALL COLORS ON THE CREEK

Adventure up Otter Point Creek to seek the fall changes in the estuary. See the beauty of fall colors in the marsh. Proceeds benefit Envirothon. Support environmental education in Harford County Schools. This program will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army. mil under Community Notes.)

together to tackle these daily challenges. A successful security awareness program aims to make us all understand and appreciate the value of the assets we provide to support our Soldiers' mission, but also comprehend the consequences if these assets are compromised.

As part of the events scheduled for Security Awareness Month, the Security and Intelligence Division will host two briefings by the 902d Counter Intelligence Group and the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff: 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 19, at the Conference Center APG-Edgewood Area, building E4810, and 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 21 at the Recreation Center APG-Aberdeen Area, building 3326.

Topics of presentation will be Foreign Intelligence Service (FIS) Threat to Aberdeen Proving Ground and Social Networking. These briefings are not mandatory and are open to all government and contractor staff. Attendees must be U.S. citizens; CAC cards will be checked at

For more information, call Kevin Melchior at 410-278-7401.

RAB meeting Oct. 28

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Ramada Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Topics will include Lauderick Creek (Cluster 5 soils), Bush River and Military Munitions Response Program. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Hallelujah Harvest, Oct. 31

The chapel congregations invites all to attend the Hallelujah Harvest Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. For more information call 410-278-4333.

Trick or treat, Oct. 31

Halloween and the traditional trickor-treat activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sunday, Oct. 31. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The limited period between 6 and 8 p.m. is specifically designated for trick-or-treating.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during this time are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership Registrations, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27 and Nov. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, Edgewood Area and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

Celebrate Native American heritage

The annual Native American Heritage observance will be celebrated 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Gajdys. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class LaQuita Wimbley, 410-306-2053; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

BOSS volunteers serve lunch to homeless

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), along with single and married Soldiers from units and companies assigned to the Aberdeen and Edgewood Areas of APG will serve lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third Saturday of each month at the Eastern Family Resource Center located at 9100 Franklin Square Drive in Rosedale, Md. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch at the center Nov. 20. BOSS representatives will wear BOSS shirts; military and civilian volunteers can wear company t-shirts and civilian attire.

For more information, call Cpl. Mathew Beach, 410-652-2710 or BOSS President Spc. Carlos Rios, 410-306-2649.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a m

noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

Post Shorts

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register. call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or email michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

MCSC upcoming events

'Tis the season to join the APG Military and Civilian Spouses' Club! Spouses of all military branches – regardless of status - and all female Aberdeen Proving Ground and tenant activity active duty personnel, civilians and contract employees, active or retired, and spouses of APG and tenant activity civilians and contract employees and anyone who volunteers in an APG philanthropic organization are eligible to join. Membership information and application forms are available at www.apgmcsc.org.

For more information, contact Tiffany O'Sheal, 937-260-1647, membership@ apgmcsc.org; or Annie Brock, 443-686-1484, president@apgmcsc.org.

See APG Newswatch

The APG video news program, APG Newswatch, is available for viewing online at http://www.army. mil/media/amp/?bctid=604972674001.

The lineup includes:

RDECOM Receives the Army Superior Unit Award; CECOM Holds their Casing of the Colors Ceremony at Ft. Monmouth as they officially move to APG; The Chesapeake Science and Security Consortium meet at the HEAT Center discussing the APG transformation; Two state-of-the-art Army Test facilities open; APG Police, Firefighters and EMS Personnel honored in ceremony at Ripken Stadium; RDE-COM NCO's take Professional Development training at APG to look at how Science supports the Warfighter; Three long-time Army employees retire; Top of the Bay closes for six months for major upgrade.

TSA Secure Flight Program

The Army G-4 has announced that effective Nov. 1, TSA will require all passengers to have Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) in their reservation at least 72 hours prior to departure. SFPD includes the traveler's full name (without rank, titles, and/or suffixes), date of birth, and gender. The traveler's full name must match the government issued ID card used at the airport Currently the

Defense Travel System requires verification of this information each time a traveler creates an authorization.

For more information, visit https:// forums.bcks.army.mil/Community-Browser.aspx?id=1192183

Overseas travel briefings

The CECOM G2 reminds all government personnel to attend required briefings prior to official and non-official overseas travel. Briefing requirements vary based on destination, security concerns, and nature of travel. Contact your organization's local security office for more information. For more information call Bob DiMichele, 410-417-0358.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under

Leave Donations

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). For more information, call Carolyn Russell, 410-278-5327, e-mail carolyn.russell2@us.army.mil.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

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Teen Towners reunite in Aberdeen

YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

Three hundred former Aberdeen Proving Ground youths came together to celebrate a bygone era, renew old friendships and perhaps recapture some of the magic of their youth during the Teen Town Reunion at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen Sept. 28.

Teen Town was the name of a social club for APG youth that existed from 1959 to 1980. The Recreation Services Division, which became the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, operated the facility.

Larry Brinegar of Aberdeen, a former Teen Town member, organized the reunion, which drew former members from as far away as California. The evening included music from live bands whose members performed at the club in their youth. They included the original Alton Street Band and Lucifer's Council. Brinegar, who leads the current tribute band, LIX, performed part of the evening with the members of his former band, Orange Wedge as well as with LIX. He said the evening was a "humbling experience."

"I'm still getting inundated with so many emails and comments about what an event it was for everyone," Brinegar said. "It was surreal to look around and see all those familiar faces. While it was happening, I think we all felt kind of like we were in heaven."

The reunion honored the memory of Dwight Bloom, a former Teen Town director who passed away from cancer, with proceeds totaling \$6,039.96 going to the American Cancer Society. Beth Zych, community manager for the South Atlantic Division, American Cancer Society, Inc., was on had to receive the donation.

"Because of the generosity and kindness of Larry Brinegar and guests, the American Can-



Photo courtesy of LARRY BRINEGAR

Former Aberdeen Proving Ground teens and Family members enjoy the sounds of yesteryear during the Teen Town Reunion at American Legion Post 128 in Aberdeen. Teen Town was the name of the installation's only social club for children and teens from 1969 to 1980.

cer Society will be able to touch cancer. many lives through these proceeds while supporting our mission of fighting cancer," Zych said. "Our thanks go out to everyone for their support and generosity."

Brinegar received an American Cancer Society Certificate of Appreciation recognizing the Teen Town Reunion contribution. He said the credit went to all the former Teen Towners who remembered Bloom and what he did for them.

"This was a chance for us to all have a good time, get caught up after forty years, and give to something that has touched us all," Brinegar said. "It was Teen Town all over again.

Erna Bloom, the mother of Dwight Bloom was a co-guest of honor of the reunion. She said she still mourns for her son and a daughter she lost to breast

"APG was Dwight's life," she said. "He never took a day off if he didn't have to. He loved serving the youngsters and the people of APG. It meant everything to him."

She said she was "touched" when Brinegar and his brother Charles told her about the reunion plans and its purpose.

"By the time they were through we were all crying," she said, adding that during the reunion people she had never met came up to her and told me what Dwight meant to them.

"It was overwhelming and now I'm totally devoted to preserving his memory," she said.

Stan and Steve Walker returned to Aberdeen from Oklahoma with their mother Betty a co-guest of honor and the widow of retired Lt. Col. Aaron E. Walker. The family lived on Plum Point Loop near the Top of the Bay. The twin brothers also entertained in bands at Teen Town with Brinegar.

The Walkers arrived a few days before the reunion and toured Aberdeen and APG with their old friend.

"It's not easy to describe how it felt to see [everyone] again after thirty-nine years," Stanlev Walker said. "It's not like a high school reunion, we were very young. One evening was not enough time. We will have to do it again."

David Beatty, a drummer in the Alton Street Band, which entertained at Teen Town in the 1970s and during the reunion, helped Brinegar carry through the intricate plans to reunite the 300 Teen Towners.

"It was amazing that we actually pulled it off," Beatty said, whose parents were APG civilians. He lost his mother to brain cancer and his father is a cancer survivor. Beatty said he remembered Bloom as "a caring individual who really cared about the kids and providing us a safe place to have fun."

Band members practiced together at his home the night before the reunion.

"Some hadn't picked up an instrument in years," he said. "It was a surprise for me to see how many people brought back Teen Town scrap books and APG News clippings. One friend even brought back a base drumhead from forty years ago.

"It was heartwarming to see that what we did back in the day meant so much to so many people."

Brinegar said he plans to donate the Teen Town banner, a replica of the original sign, to the new APG Museum.

Fall Bazaar brings out choice offerings

YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

A wide choice of seasonal, and notso-seasonal, wares were available for Aberdeen Proving Ground shoppers during the Fall Bazaar at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 7.

Vendors hawking everything from Fall-themed kitchen accessories to magic bubble shirts filled the recreation center ballroom for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored event.

The first stop for shoppers was the FMWR table where they received tickets for door prizes and information about the Holiday Bazaar that will be held at the same location Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

"People can sign up for the Holiday Bazaar today," said Earlene Allen, FMWR special events coordinator who organized the event.

Allen thanked the bazaar vendors who donated the door prizes.

Vendors

A display by Dawn Robey of Jarrettsville appealed to the sweet tooth. Robey's candy display featured candy eggs, chocolate-covered marshmallows, Rice Krispie treats, brownie lollipops, chocolate pretzels and more. Robey said it took three days to prepare all the delicacies.

"I've been doing this over twenty years and I also can take orders."

The Magic Bubble Shirts display drew a large crowd as shoppers sorted through a large selection of crinkly tank tops, short-sleeved shirts and cardigans sized from toddler to adult. Sharon Jones, who operates www.bubbleshirts.com, said the items are popular because they don't wrinkle and stretch to fit most sizes.

"They're great for packing and traveling and you don't have to know a person's size to give it as a gift," she said.

"I love the bazaar, and I really loved the bubble shirts," said Angela Amadeo, a management analyst with the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Accessory options included a Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry display by Jammi Howie. Items featured bold gold and silver-toned necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

"This business was twenty years in the making," Howie said. "Traci Lynn adds something to every outfit. There really is something for everyone."

Shoppers can order online at www. tracilynnjewelry.net/jammihowie.



Sharon Jones, left, of Magic Bubble Shirts, shows one of the popular items to Angela Amadeo of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command during the Fall Bazaar at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 7.

Blankets by Blue Moon, presented by Lena Ruckle of Edgewood, featured place mats, blankets wall hangings and pillows covered with select themes from Baltimore Ravens logos to pink ponies.

"I just love to sew," said Ruckle, adding that she also takes custom orders. Contact Ruckle at 410-528-3766.

The Craft Boutique by Jill Foulke and Carol Price offered holidaythemed reversible table centerpieces and stockings with Baltimore Ravens logos among its many items.

"We sell year-round but much more at Christmas," Foulke said, adding that she also can customize orders. The Craft Boutique will return to APG for the Holiday Bazaar, she said.

Thirty-One Holiday Organizers, by Renae Moran featured colorful all-inone organizers in the form of purses, thermal totes, utility bags and wallets.

"You can pick your color and patterns," Moran said.

Shop for selections at www.mythirtyone.com/cmygifts or call Moran at 410-303-0962.

Renee Main of Child, Youth and School Services, displayed her photographic talents with greeting cards

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Family Advocates teach nonviolence to children



Kimberly Williams, left, installation victim advocate, and Aida Rivera, right, Army Community Services Family Advocacy Program manager, with the help of puppets named Tiffany and Mike, talked to children at the Edgewood Area Child Development Center about positive actions that can be accomplished by using hands during a "Hands Are Not For Hitting" puppet show.

Story by **RACHEL PONDER**APG News

Children who attend the Aberdeen Proving Ground Child Development Centers were treated to a "Hands Are Not For Hitting" puppet show Oct. 6 and 13.

This activity is just one of the activities and events



that commemorate this year's Department of the Army Domestic Violence Awareness Month theme, "Imagine an Army Free of Domestic Abuse: Prepare, Prevent, Protect," sponsored by the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program.

Communities across the nation are launching campaigns during the month of October to create awareness of domestic abuse, ways to prevent it and resources that are available to help women, men and children affected by domestic abuse.

Kimberly Williams, installation victim advocate, and Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program manager, with the help of puppets named Tiffany and Mike, talked to the children about positive things that can be done with hands like clapping, hugging, washing, waving and drawing. Rivera and Williams stressed that hands should only be used for positive behavior and should never be used for hitting.

"We keep our hands to ourselves," they sang and then clapped.

The puppet show was based on the award winning children's book "Hands Are Not for Hitting," by Martine Agassi that offers children an alternative to hitting and hurtful behavior by showing them in pictures positive uses for hands.

Rivera said that every year the Family Advocacy Program visits the CDC with an activity to teach the children nonviolence.

"In an effort to eliminate domestic violence, we want to teach the children when they are very young that hitting isn't acceptable behavior," she said. "They are never too young to start learning this important message."

At the end of the presentation the children received purple Domestic Violence Awareness wristbands.

On Oct. 23, an information booth with staff from the Harford County Sexual Assault and Spouse Resource Center (SARC, Inc.) and representatives from the ACS Family Advocacy Program will be in the Main Post Exchange lobby 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The DVAM activities conclude with a Candlelight Vigil 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Chapel Oct. 27 to commemorate victims who died as a result of abuse and to celebrate survivors. For more information, contact Aida Rivera, ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 410-278-7478 or e-mail aida.rivera@conus. army.mil.

APG employee places third in FMWRC arts and crafts competition



Glenn Smit holds the 50th Anniversary Bel Air Guns Show Bowie knife and sheath that won him third place in the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Arts and Crafts Contest in the 3D Mixed Media category. Smit is an engineering technician with the U.S. Army

Story and photos by YVONNE JOHNSON APG News

An Aberdeen Proving Ground employee won third place in the Army-wide Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's arts and crafts competition. Glenn Smit is an engineering technician with the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center Survivability/Lethality Directorate. He won the award for his submission of a custommade Bowie knife and sheath in the 3-D Mixed Media category. Smit will receive \$100 and a certificate signed by the FMWRC commander, as well as a Coin of Excellence from Col. Orlando W. Ortiz, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

Smit said he began creating knives in his home workshop in 1986 after having been a collector for several years. He said he decided to enter the competition after seeing it advertised in the FMWR InDemand newsletter.

"This was my first time entering a contest," he said. "When I contacted MWR they said I could submit photographs so I sent three of the knife and provided details about how it was made.'

He said Byron Reasin, manager of the Stark Recreation Center in the Edgewood Area, notified him



Engravings on the 50th Anniversary Bel Air Gun Show Bowie knife and sheath include the acronym "IWLA" which stands for the Izaak Walton League of America, a nonprofit conservation organization that supports hunter education programs nationwide. The local chapter is located in Bel Air.

when his entry advanced beyond the APG level and again when he won third place.

"I was very pleased and pleasantly surprised," Smit said. "I didn't even know if there was a prize involved."

He said he built the knife for the 50th anniversary of the Bel Air Gun Show. He donated the knife to the show's sponsor who raffled it as a fundraiser. Amazingly, the raffle winner donated the knife back to the gun show for future fundraising.

The Bowie knife is made of Damascus steel. It has a brass hilt and sub-hilt and a handcrafted handle of basswood and walnut, carved and painted in the shape of an eagle head. The sheath is 100 percent leather with engraved lettering. Wood carver Ron Myers created the handle, Smit said.

Smit displayed several samples of his workmanship during the FMWR Fall Bazaar at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Oct. 7.

His display included his very first folding knife and an assortment of what he calls "little ugly knives," most of which are made of carbon steel or out of other objects such as railroad spikes.

"People would tell me my knives were too nice looking to use so I started making the little ugly knives," he chuckled.

Smit takes custom orders for everything from pocketknives to kitchen sets. Contact him by email at wolfsknives@comcast.net or call 410-272-2959.

Construction

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for nearly 600 employees and continues to remain on schedule and within budget.

While the topping out ceremony is typically a small, informal celebration attended mainly by members of the contractor's workforce, Fougler-Pratt also invited guests from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as from the APG and ATEC communities.

Foulger -Pratt President John Barron welcomed guests as they signed the steel beam. He noted how momentous the occasion was and gave special thanks to all those involved in the project.

"Thank you to the ATEC community, to USACE, to the Garrison, and to all of our sub-contractors," Barron said. "We are proud to be on schedule and our next major milestone will be getting this building weather-tight before winter."

Barron pointed out that the pre-cast panels were on-site and ready for installation, proving that his team planned to waste no time in moving the facility along to its next milestone.

Chris Shaw, Foulger-Pratt senior project manager, spoke after Barron and thanked all of his sub-contractors for their hard work and dedication.

Shaw explained the progression of construction from this point forward and cited strong partnerships as the reason for this project's ongoing success.

"This is a huge milestone; the completion of the super structure of the building," Shaw said. "Now we will move on to the exterior skin and the roof in order to weatherproof the building. This has been an amazing collaborative team effort between ATEC, the Garrison senior leadership and USACE. We are on schedule and meeting our deadlines because of this great partnership."

Once the facility was "topped out," members of Foulger-Pratt invited guests to join them for a barbeque luncheon on the ATEC construction site.

The ATEC project continues to move

forward with the ongoing installation of pre-cast panels which began immediately after the ceremony. The facility is set for completion in June 2011 with occupancy slated for August 2011.

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During a visit to the facility last June, Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, said the project is unique across the USACE because of its scale and speed. Barcomb echoed the chief's comments.

"In some ways, this has been a new experience for us," said Barcomb. "This is a very large project and it has progressed quickly, but we still take the same steps as with other work."

A work in progress

In December 2007, the Philadelphia District assembled a team on site. Several months later, the District awarded a design and build contract to the joint venture team of Tomkins-Turner, Grunley, and Kinsley.

The contractor trucked in 600 loads of suitable fill material and work commenced in 2008. At the height of construction, more than 1,000 workers were on site each day.

The complex is designed to some of the latest 'green' industry standards and it has achieved silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. Some of the environmentally sustainable elements include geothermal heating and horizontal window shadings to decrease cooling costs.

One of the more unique buildings in the complex is the 750-seat auditorium. It has a garden roof and boasts a noise criteria rating of 25, meaning its acoustics and sound quality are on par with state-of-the art performance centers.

In the courtyard, several decorative pools of water are designed with an element that will leave a legacy of the Philadelphia District - the bottoms of the pools are lined with rock from the Delaware River, the source of many of the District's water-related projects.

For USACE personnel associated with the project, the complex represents a significant career achievement.

"This has been a once in a lifetime experience working on this job because of its size and complexity," said Bob Strange, senior construction manager. "The C4ISR construction team can be

proud of their service and success today - delivering nine complex facilities on schedule, on budget and with high quality is a tremendous achievement."

Team C4ISR personnel are expected to continue to move into facilities through the spring of 2011.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in this project," said Mike Vetter, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command deputy chief of staff for Logistics and Engineering. "This has been a great partnership with the corps and the joint venture and this is a major milestone."

Editor's Note: Steve Rochette is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers snowmen were a popular draw to The Craft Boutique

Bazaar

display presented by vendors Jill Foulke and Carol Price.

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and framed prints of eye-appealing nature scenes she photographed herself. The cards contain Bible scriptures and are blank inside. Main said she organized her hobby into a business a year ago and named it "Godly Business."

"I love photography and I love nature and this is a way to share the beauty that's around us with others," she said. Decorative Light Systems, custom

light switch covers, by Paul St. Patrick caught the eyes of many shoppers. Just about anything that can be photographed - from pets, to logos, to scenery, can be turned into a decorative light system, he said, adding that he uses an Asian art form to create the light switch covers.

"It's basically photographs turned into digital illustrations," he said.

Photographs for custom orders can be e-mailed to St. Patrick at decofauxart@ yahoo.com or call 443-987-6380.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Youth Cheerleading registration

Girls, ages 6 through 15 can register now through Nov. 9 for cheerleading. Cheer squads will cheer for APG Youth Basketball teams on Saturdays beginning Jan. 8, 2011. Practices will be held on weeknights. Cost to join cheerleading is \$40 per person.

Register at building 2503 Highpoint Road, rooms 210 or 211. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call for an appointment after 10:30 a.m. at 410-278-7571/7479. Volunteer coaches are needed.

For more information, call Bill Keg-



HIRED!

HIRED!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities.

The program will give teens guidance on preparing a resume, and teach them interview techniques as well as give them work experience in their chosen field. Children will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

Teens Goal Setting Workshop

A Teens Goal Setting Workshop will be held for ages 13 to 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15, at CYSS, building 2503. Teens will learn to master skills in goal setting techniques. Register at CYSS building 2503.

For more information, call 410-278-3250 or email jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

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The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Teen Health and Nutrition

The biggest issue concerning youth and teens today is the way they look. Perception is everything. Now youth and teens ages 11 to 18 can learn how to mold themselves into the person they want to be. Participants will discuss current issues in health and nutrition and how it all impacts their daily lives. And they can learn how to make the change they want to make. The program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 3 through 17, in the CYSS Conference Room 214, building 2503. This program is free to eligible youth and teens. Transportation will be provided from Aberdeen Area Youth Services; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. sharp. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Zumba is back

Here's the program everyone has been asking for. Zumba returns to the EDGE program, 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2, at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300. The program is free for eligible Family members of active duty, DoD civilian and contractor personnel ages 11 to 18. Parents can participate with their children. The program will

be held in conjunction with the Athletic Center's Zumba exercise class. Transportation will be provided from the AA Youth Center; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. sharp. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Money Management

The EDGE Teen Money Management program can help teens learn to save for the future and college including how to plan for things that happen later in life in the EDGE Teen Money Management program. Teens will learn about checking accounts, how to save for that rainy day, how to invest wisely and lots, lots more. The program will be held on 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Nov. 2 through 23, in the CYSS Conference Room 214, building 2503. The program is free to eligible Family members of active duty, DoD civilian and contractor personnel ages 11 to 18. Transportation will be provided from the AAYS; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2503, or call 410-278-7571/7479. .

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or email chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.

ley, 410-306-2297 or e-mail William. Kegley@us.army.mil.

Youth Winter Basketball registration

Boys and girls can register for basket-ball leagues through Nov. 9. There will be a coed Basketball League for ages 7 to 8; basketball leagues for ages 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13 and 14 will be separated into boys and girls teams. Games will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, from Jan. 8 to Feb. 19, 2011. There will be a basketball clinic for ages 4 through 6 on Saturdays only. Cost of the clinic is \$20 per person. Practices will be held weeknights for ages 7 through 14. Cost to join the league is \$40 per person.

The Ghosts of Gettysburg

There will be a bus trip to Gettysburg Battlefield, Oct. 22. The bus will depart 1:30 p.m. and return 10:30 a.m. Cost of the trip is \$48 for adults and \$40 for children. Cost includes dinner at General Pickett Buffet, candlelight tour, ticket and transportation. Spaces are limited, reserve a space today. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Visit www.ghostsofgettysburg.com

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-278-4011/4907, MWR Leisure Travel Office located in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, email APGR-USAG-MWR-LeisureTravel@conus.army.mil.

Free dinner and a movie

Celebrate Military Family Month with Army Community Service. ACS will present a free dinner and a movie, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. "Toy Story 3" will be shown.

This is a free ticketed event. Pick up tickets 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Aberdeen Area ACS, building 2754. This event is open to all service members, Family members and civilians. For more information, call 410-278-4372/7572.

How to Start Your Small Business

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Small Business Administration Baltimore District and Small Business Opportunity Center-Northern Region, will sponsor How to Start Your Small Business, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326.

This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur, and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC will also be discussed. Space is limited. This event is open to all DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, Family members and guests.

For more information or to make reservations, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Program Manager, 410-278-9669/7572.

Hearts Apart hosts "Celebrating the Military Family"

The Army Community Service Hearts Apart support group will host "Celebrating the Military Family, 6 to 7 p.m., Nov. 3, at ACS, building 2503 High Point Road. This get together is designed for Hearts Apart Families to network with each other. Bring a covered dish and come join the fun. Hearts Apart is just another way to stay connected in the community and learn what ACS has to offer members and their Families as part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant. There will be light refreshments for all who participate.

Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call 410-278-2464.

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

Leisure Travel will offer eight hours to sightsee, shop, see a Broadway matinee and more on Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost is \$36 per person and includes roundtrip bus transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office,

Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil.

FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie. umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Driver's Ed classes run through **December**

Driver's Education classes are scheduled through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street, Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

The Greatest Race

CYSS SKIES Unlimited and Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) will present the production of "The Tortoise Versus The Hare: The Greatest Race," Dec. 4. Auditions will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 29 at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522. Roles are available for students in grades Kindergarten through 12. Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/ director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15 to 30 minutes after the audition. All children wishing to participate must be registered with CYSS. This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time. Open to all DoD ID card holder family members.

To register, call the Central Registration Office, building 2503, 410-278-7571/7479; for an appointment or for more information email stacie.umbarger1@conus.army. mil or call 410-278-4589.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hiphop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want to sign-up for when they register their child.

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Students will be responsible for pur-

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All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at http://acpol. army.mil/employment/naf.htm or check out AAFES Jobs link http:// odin.aafes.com/employment/ additional job opportunities.

as recommended by the instructor.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a one-time purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny **Tigers**

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills.

Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Musical Theater Workshop

Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can join this fun-filled workshop series as they learn songs and routines from famous Broadway musicals, movies and hit shows including Hairspray, Glee, and Cats: the Musical. So get ready to say "Good Morning, Baltimore" and join in to all the singing and dancing. The workshop will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Tuesdays or Saturdays. On Tuesdays, the class will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be noon to 1 p.m. through Nov. 13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

October bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.
- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32.
- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and bowl one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Oct. 18

Special #1: Turkey club sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda

Special #2: Pepperoni pizza sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Week of Oct. 25

Special #1: Pork BBQ with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.

Special #2: Tuna salad with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





Awareness

From front page

Month's purple ribbon campaign and a birthday celebration and cake cutting for McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. Special guest Sparky the Fire Dog also made an appearance.

Organization displays

Participating organizations included the Army Substance Abuse Program, Child, Youth and School Services, Community Policing, Army Community Service, and Installation Safety.

Parents and children said they enjoyed the festivities.

"We came last year and they didn't want to miss this," said Tony Saponaro, a contractor with the U.S. Developmental Test Command who brought his grandchildren, Nicholas, 10 and Lucas, 5.

"It's important for children to see the damage a fire can do," said Jeri Smith, a human resources assistant with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center after she and her son Jerry, 10, watched the firefighting demonstration. "Something like this will make you think twice about playing with matches," she said.

Wendy Chaney, a research engineer with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, said she tries to make all APG Family events as she watched her daughter, Emma, 6, go through the combat challenge.

"Things like this give you a really great sense of communi-

ty," she said. "Children remember better when they have fun learning," added Vera Wyatt, an administrative assistant with the Garrison Public Affairs Information Office as she registered her granddaughter Shadawn, 6, for the combat challenge. "Every time she looks at her certificate she'll remember what she learned



Firefighters put out a simulated airfield flare-up during the fire prevention part of the Community Awareness Day activities near the Directorate of Emergency Services headquarters.

Fire Inspector Chris Starling chaired the organization committee for the event. He thanked all planners involved, particularly Scott and Farlow, who he said were a "huge help."

"They had been on pre vious committees and they stepped in and provided valuable input."

Starling also thanked all participating APG organizations including the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center for its vehicle and static displays, the USAPHC entomologists and the MDNG as well as and Nuthin' Up My Sleeve Entertainment.

Fire Prevention

Starling said more than 90 children received certificates for completing the Youth Combat Challenge and that several parents asked about home sprinkler systems after the sprinkler demonstration.

He said that while most new homes in Central Maryland come equipped with sprinkler systems it is scheduled to become a Maryland law in

"Currently, twenty-seven municipalities in Maryland require sprinkler systems," he said, adding that while the new law will not affect existrofitted for homes without the systems.

Starling said that APG firefighters do all they can to spread the word about fire prevention. Their public outreach spans five counties in three states.

"We've really developed a good program for educating children and now we'd like to do more to ensure the message is being passed on to parents. They are the ones responsible for checking smoke alarms and establishing meeting points.

"Smoke alarms really do save lives," he added. "We offer voluntary home fire inspections. We check your smoke alarms, show you how to change batteries, walk you through evacuation steps and help you set up a meeting point."

APG firefighters also will conduct fire drills in APG buildings during October, Starling said. This includes inspecting fire extinguishers, fire alarms and evacuation plans.

"Every building should have an evacuation plan but they do not have to be posted on the walls," he said. "In the event of a fire, follow the "Exit" signs.

"Always call 911 in the event

ing from a cell phone, make sure you tell the operator you're calling from Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland because operators outside of this area may take the call."

Cell phone callers on can also call 410-278-7220 in the Aberdeen Area and 410-436-2117 in the Edgewood Area. All other users should call 9-1-1.

Starling noted that the 2010

Community Awareness Day was the first one held after the death of Doug Farrington, former APG fire inspector who passed away suddenly in September.

"This was Doug's legacy," he said. "This was his event and he accomplished a lot more than just fire prevention. I think everybody might have thought about him that day. I know I did and I hope we did him proud."



James Layte, center, watches his sons Jacob, 7, left, and Jack, 6, right, create pumpkin sand art at the Child, Youth and School Services' SKIES arts and crafts table.



From right, Tony Saponaro, a U.S. Army Developmental Test Command contractor, his grandsons Lucas, 5, and Nicholas, 10, and Olivia Sheets, 7, watch DES emergency medical technician Scott Manglass demonstrates how to clear an airway at the lifesaving display.



Alexander Downing enjoys the feel of the pilot seat in a UH-60 Blackhawk, courtesy of the Maryland National Guard's Company C 2/224th Aviation from the Edgewood Area's Weide Airfield.

Holiday mailing deadlines approach

MASTER SGT. **CHRISTINA STEINER** Fort Knox, Ky.

Packages to troops and civilians stationed outside the continental United States should be mailed soon in order to make it there by the holidays, according to Peter Graeve, deputy director of the Military Postal Service Agency in Alexandria, Va.

Hanukkah, for example, begins Dec. 1 this year, so gifts should have been in the mail by Oct. 19.

Other Christmas mailing deadlines include:

Packages going to Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world through the U.S. Postal Service should be mailed by Nov. 12.

Packages sent by Space Available Mail, or SAM, should be sent by Nov. 20 to contingency locations, such as Army and Air Force Post Offices known as APOs, Fleet Post Offices or FPOs, Diplomatic Post Offices known as DPOs serving embassies or consulates, and certain country codes with ZIP codes beginning with 093XX.

The SAM deadline for all other overseas military locations is Nov. 26.

Priority mail

The priority mail deadline is Dec. 4 to contingency locations. The deadline for all other locations is Dec. 10.

Express mail

Although express mail military services aren't available to contingency locations, express mail military services are available to other locations if mailed by Dec. 18. Always check with the local post office to determine if this service is available for a particular APO/FPO/DPO address, officials warn.

"Usually the mail deadlines run about the same every year, especially to Southwest Asia," Graeve said. "Only so many flights go there, and there's only so much air capacity to make sure [packages] get there as soon as possible. The two gateway airports are JFK Internationa Airport in New York and San Francisco Interational, which services most of the Pacific theater.

Restrictions

"The only real difference from year to year is that the dates may vary by a day or two based on the calendar," he said. "The list of restricted items going to Southwest Asia hasn't changed, but in Europe



they've started cracking down at the customs offices. Every country has different restrictions, but the basic guideline of (a parcel) not weighing more than 70 pounds and the girth not being more than 130 inches in most cases still apply.

Graeve encouraged anyone interested in mailing gifts overseas to always check their local post office for that country's restrictions.

Deadlines and restrictions depend upon world locations and vary from each other, said Faye Slater, MPSA's other deputy director. For a complete list of deadlines and banned items from the U.S. mail system, visit the U.S. Postal Service Web site at www.usps. com. For a list of restricted items that cannot be mailed to APO/FPOs/DPOs and certain country codes, see the FAQ link at http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/ faqweb.pdf.

Free packing materials

The U.S. Postal Service is also offering a package of free packing materials, including 10 boxes, 10 customs forms with envelopes, 10 "Mili-Pac" shipping envelopes, which are specially printed to reflect the complexities of military mailing addresses, and a roll of Priority Mail tape.

Postal Service spokeswoman Sue Brennan said by calling a toll-free number 800-610-8734, anyone can request free shipping materials.

Brennan said the Postal Service was getting deluged with requests from military families - about 1,000 calls a day since late September. In response, it came up with a special kit of the mostpopular items ordered to send care packages to the troops, she said.

To order the special kit, call 800-610-8734 and request Care Kit 4. Brennan said the Postal Service will ship it by Priority Mail, with delivery generally within a couple of days.

Although the packing materials are free, shippers must still pay normal postage costs.